RESOLUTION NO. 2020 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY SUPPORTING ACROSS THE BOARD COVID SERVICE APPRECIATION STIPENDS FOR LAPORTE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, at the most recent meeting of this body, we unanimously endorsed the notion of two-tiered pandemic stipends/hazard duty pay to recognize the efforts of our county workforce to keep public services un-interrupted and fully delivered during this pandemic, and

WHEREAS, so many of our employees have had first hand regular or frequent contact with members of the public and have put themselves at risk while ensuring that basic health and public safety services continued to be delivered, and

WHEREAS, members of the County Council have raised concerns about a two tiered series of pandemic stipends and the challenges of determining what tier a given employee or set of employees might fall into, and

WHEREAS, we are heartened to read that our colleagues just to the east of us in St. Joseph County are moving to expand their virus hazard duty pay and to recognize a wider set of employees for such pay, and

WHEREAS, we learned from published reports over the weekend in the *Lafayette Journal & Courier* that Purdue University will be awarding \$750.00 per person across-the-board pandemic appreciation stipends to all faculty and staff for keeping the West Lafayette campus open with full services during this most recent semester,

NOW THEREFORE WE ENDORSE THE NOTION OF ACROSS THE BOARD COVID SERVICE APPRECIATION STIPENDS FOR LAPORTE COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE THE SELFLESS EFFORTS OF LAPORTE COUNTY EMPLOYEES DURING THIS PANDEMIC TO FULLY RENDER AND DELIVER SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

All of which is resolved this 200 day of December, 2020.

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